BY SENATOR CORTEZ

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, March 21, 2018, as "The 705 Day at the Louisiana State Capitol" and to commend the members of The 705 Young Professional Organization.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the members of The705 Young Professional Organization, a group of future leaders striving to develop their community and membership professionally, personally, and civically throughout Acadiana; and

WHEREAS, founded on October 17, 2007, The 705 has grown to over 250 individual members and forty corporate partnerships; and

WHEREAS, The 705 strives to connect its members to other young professionals and community leaders, engage as an organization on issues that affect Acadiana, and lead opportunities for its members to develop their individual skills; and

WHEREAS, this organization is led completely by members, organized into subcommittees dedicated to the areas of philanthropy, networking, civic, membership, professional development, and marketing; and

WHEREAS, The 705 hosts more than sixty events annually including monthly Lunch and Learns, The 705 Mentor Program, Coffee with series, and membership meetings and socials, participates in community beautification efforts such as supporting local gardens and trash pick-ups, and educates its membership on election information and encourages membership to vote; and

WHEREAS, partnerships are developed between The705 and other community organizations such as local Chambers of Commerce, OneAcadiana, Lafayette Economic Development Authority, Downtown Lafayette Unlimited, and Lafayette Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The 705 is committed to continually improve the Acadiana Region and the state of Louisiana using its resources, collaboration, and shared responsibility.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, March 21, 2018, as "The705 Day at the Louisiana State Capitol" and does hereby commend and express enduring appreciation to the members of The705 for their lasting impact on Acadiana and Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to The 705 board of directors.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE